

In the Claims:

1. (Thrice Amended) Reluctance motor with a stator comprising a three-phase current stator winding with a number of poles for generating a rotary magnetic field without electronic switching and with a number of slots per pole and phase that is greater than 1, coils being assigned to each of the three phases with the coils being distributed in the slots over the entire periphery of the stator and a rotor which is located on a shaft and is made primarily of a ferromagnetic material, the rotor having a predetermined number of angular regions of a like peripheral angular extent which adjoin one another in a circumferential direction of the rotor; wherein slots receiving the three-phase current stator windings are partially closed by circumferentially extending portions of the stator itself; wherein the stator has a preset number of angular regions of the same peripheral angular extent which adjoin one another in a circumferential direction of the stator; wherein each of the predetermined number of angular regions of the rotor has at least one pair of flux guidance regions facing the stator, the flux guidance regions having flux guidance properties which differ in a main direction of the rotary magnetic field; wherein each of the preset number of angular regions of the stator has at least one pair of flux guidance regions facing the rotor which have flux guidance properties which differ in the main direction of the rotary magnetic field; wherein the flux guidance regions with low magnetic resistance of the stator are located radially inwardly of the partially closed slots; and wherein the preset number of angular regions on the stator differs from the predetermined number of angular regions on the rotor by an integral multiple of the number of poles of the three-phase current stator winding.

REMARKS

By the above actions, the specification and claim 1 have been further amended. In view of these actions and the following remarks, further consideration of this application is now requested.

Firstly, the Examiner's attention is directed to appended copy of an extract of the text *Die Asynchronmaschine* (The Asynchronous Machine) by W. Nürnberg, published in 1963 and the underlined portion thereof on page 13 which translated into English reads "The hole